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1. (Amended) A baking rack assembly for an automatic bread making machine comprising:

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a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from a baking chamber of an automatic bread making machine, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member; and

a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of dough that can be proofed or baked on the tray when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

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2. 4. (Amended) The baking rack assembly according to claim 1 wherein the base member is coupled to a bottom region of the baking chamber.

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6. (Amended) An automatic bread making machine comprising:
a housing having a baking chamber coupled to a source of heat and a baking rack assembly comprising a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member and a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of dough that can be proofed or baked on the tray when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

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9. (Amended) The baking rack assembly according to claim 6 wherein the base member is coupled to a bottom region of the baking chamber.

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11. (Amended) An automatic bread making machine comprising:
a housing having a baking chamber and a container for receiving bread making ingredients;
a motor for mixing the ingredients within the container to form a dough;

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a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member and having a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of the dough; and

a heating element coupled to the baking chamber to bake the dough positioned on the trays when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

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14. (Amended) The baking rack assembly according to claim 11 wherein the base member is coupled to a bottom region of the baking chamber.

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16. (Amended) A method of baking a plurality of portions of dough comprising:

placing ingredients into an automatic bread making machine;

activating a motor of the automatic bread making machine to mix the ingredients to form a quantity of dough;

removing the quantity of dough from the machine;

dividing the quantity of dough into a plurality of portions;

placing the plurality of portions of dough onto a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by opposing sidewalls of a frame in vertically spaced relation to each other;

inserting the frame and trays coupled thereto into a baking chamber of the automatic bread making machine; and

activating a heating element of the automatic bread making machine to bake the plurality of portions of dough.

17. (Amended) A method of baking a plurality of portions of dough comprising:

forming a plurality of portions of dough;

placing the plurality of portions of dough onto a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by opposing sidewalls of a frame in vertically spaced relation to each other;